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CASSIDY'S POSTAL HOMILY.

The Eureka Sentinel takes issue with the APPEAL's remarks on the postal service, and pronounces the thermometer at 36° below zero we are astonished at such intemperate language as the above.

Bank Commissioner Cassidy finds no fault with the niggardly salaries of the Postmasters under the new Administration, and ascribes it to the falling off of population. So long as the incomes of the Bank Commissioners are not curtailed it matters not. It is a matter of profound astonishment to the APPEAL how an ex-member of Congress should ascribe the falling off in Postmasters' ralaries to a decrease of population, instead of the actual root of the trouble-the decrease of postage from 3 cents to 2 cents.

The decrease was intended to save the people of the country onethird of the postage paid by them for letter service. It reduced the incomes of the offices one-third, and under this rate a Democratic Administration reduced Postmasters' salaries on the ground that the decrease in postal revenue lowered the rating of the office. The law was not intended to save postage for the public at the expense of the Postmasters and their cierks.

Mr. Cassidy's view relative to the fact that the officials are powerless to remedy the wrong without an Act of Congress is correct. The exceptions this journal took in the matter were to show the utter absurdity of the Administration trying to appropriate credit for the reduction in postal expenses. The Democracy labors under the absurd idea that the postal service must be run on a paying basis, like a grocery store. The postal service is for the general good of the country, and the public should have as good a service as possible, whether it pays or not. If it does not pay, the tax- Light, Airy and Convenient payers will make up the difference. The Democratic Administration has allowed its public servants in the postal service to have their salaries outrageously reduced, and then has had the bad taste to brag of it.

Queer

Some of the California people are growling because when the Citrus Fair wanted a big send-off the Examiner and Chronicle proposed to charge \$200 a column to advertise it and boom it. The carpenters who erected the pavillion got paid for it, the painters also, likewise the glaziers, and in fact, everybody who had anything to do with it. But after the thing is started, the people for whose benefit the whole thing was gotten up, we mean the citrus belt land owners who want to sell at big figures, are mad because the daily papers will not work on the thing for nothing.

Why should everyone else charge full rates for their work, and the press, which does more for the thing than all the rest, blow the horn of the show for sweet charity's sake?

- Woodburn is as active in the House for Nevada's interests as Stewart in the Senate. F. B. Mercer formerly of the Reno Gazette, writes from Washington that "Con gressman Woodburn will shortly introduce a bill proposing to cede all the public lands of the United States within the limits of Nevada to the State. The object is to let the State have jurisdiction over all the public lands within her boundaries, so that the Legislature can afford to make improvements of a public character, such as the sinking of artesian wells. e.c., Mr. Woodburn has discussed the matter with several prominent mea interested in Nevada's welfare and all are pleased with the idea, but a few of them view it, for several reasons, as premature. However, a fight will be made in behalf of the

-The jury awarded \$45,000 damages in the breach of promise suit against Arbuckle. This makes his kisses cost him over a dollar apiece. Not too high, by any means, if you can't get 'em for

measure.

-James Russell Lowell, the poet, drank some wine at a banquet the other night and asserted that Cleveland was the equal of Abe Lincoln. It is high time Lowell joined the Prohibition party.

-The Record-Union takes the San Francisco papers to task for printing common-place pictures. APPEAL "a demagogue of the bold- The more common-place the picest type." With the Base Range tures the better the public like 'em.



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